

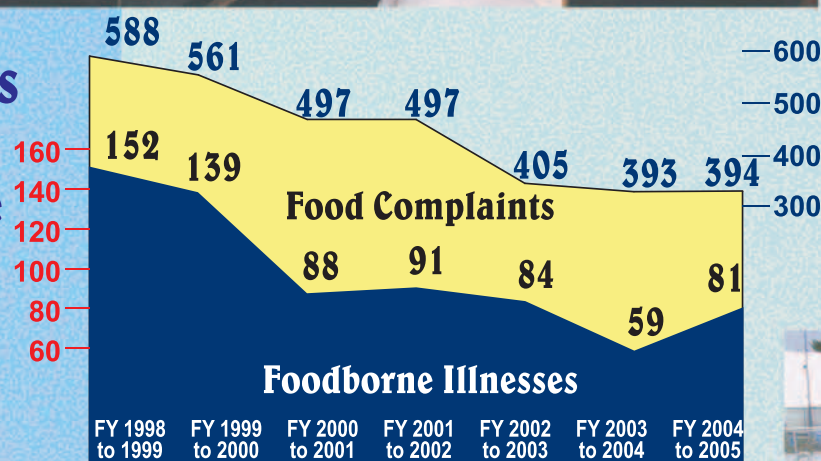
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH:

Food Safety

While the number of restaurants and food handlers continues to increase, the number of complaints and reports of food borne illnesses has steadily decreased. This very positive trend is due to every food establishment having a highly trained and knowledgeable Food Manager, assuring all food handlers are trained in basic food safety, and operating a comprehensive food safety program including inspections, consultations, and enforcement. All Health Department Food Safety efforts are guided by the Food Advisory Committee, which is made up of both food establishments operators and public members.

More emphasis on food handler safety, inspections and consultations have contributed to a decrease in complaints and foodborne illness reports.

Complaints and Foodborne Illness Reports



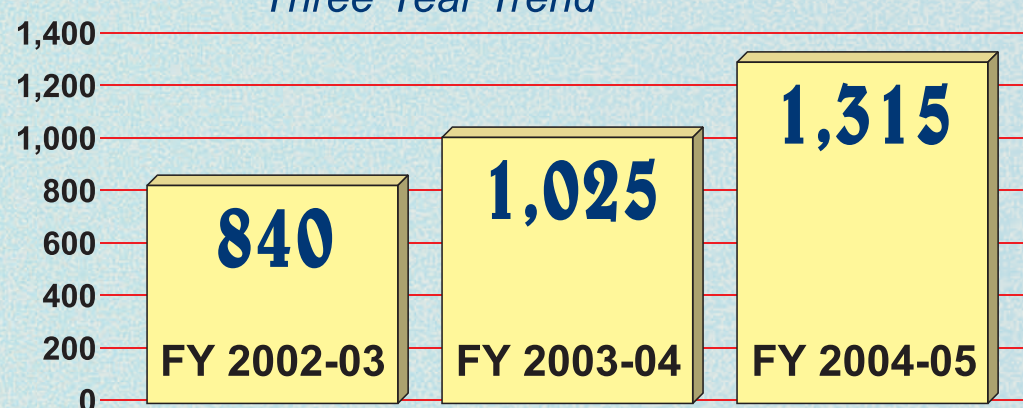
Lincoln's Problem Resolution Team (PRT) helped clean up this property decreasing any public health threats and removing an unsightly nuisance from the neighborhood.



Each year nuisance complaints increase, many of which pose a public health threat- whether it be a breeding site for mosquitoes or a harborage for rodents. The Department received 1,315 complaints this past year. The City of Lincoln has a new Action Center for logging, responding, and tracking complaints of all types. The Action Center can be accessed through the City's Web site, lincoln.ne.gov.

Solid Waste Nuisance Complaints

Three Year Trend



Water Safety



Assurance of safe water goes beyond the traditional emphasis on drinking water and includes recreational water safety.

Safety around pools was a major focus of the Department this past year. Special equipment was installed at the Woods Park Spray Pool to reduce health risks from recirculated water. A second education effort was directed at home owners and others to reduce the risk of drownings in family swimming pools. The program encouraged parents to fence off pools with a depth of over 18 inches as required by City Municipal Code.



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